STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-623

September 28, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY Proposed Revisions to Electric Rate Schedule, Rate SNOW (Snowmaking Energy Service) ORDER APPROVING RATE SCHEDULES CONTRACTS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) revisions to its Snowmaking Energy Service Rate Schedule (Rate SNOW).

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On September 3, 1999, CMP filed with this Commission proposed revisions to its Rate SNOW rate schedule. These changes: eliminate the TOU option (a revenue neutral change); modify the rate schedule interruptible language to be consistent with the ISO-NE provisions; modify the pricing associated with taking firm service under this rate schedule; replace the previous Rate SNOW administrative charge of \$100 per month with the monthly customer charge specified in the customer's applicable standard general service rate schedule; provide a T&D-only charge for service under this rate schedule for March and April of 2000, and provide a sunset date of April 2000 for this Rate Schedule. The Company has indicated that it intends to fully evaluate the generation options of Rate SNOW customers and the current Rate SNOW rate schedule in the interim.

CMP has requested that the Commission find that this rate schedule is comparable to the Rate SNOW rate schedule currently in place under the Alternative Rate Plan (ARP) approved by the Commission in Docket No. 92-345. However, based on our review, it is not clear that the proposed rate schedule will provide revenues equal to those that would have been received under the current rate schedule. Nonetheless, because the program is for a limited time – with a sunset date of April, 2000 – and the Company will comprehensively review the program in the interim, we will allow the rate schedules to go into effect.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED

1. That the Second Revision of Page 130.00, the Fifth Revision of Page 130.10, the Sixth Revision of Pages 130.20 and 130.40 and the Seventh Revision of Page 130.30 filed by Central Maine Power Company on September 3, 1999 are hereby approved and may go into effect as proposed on October 1, 1999.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 28th day of September, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Nugent

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

- 5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:
 - 1. <u>Reconsideration</u> of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
 - 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
 - 3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

Note: The attachment of this Notice to a document does not indicate the Commission's view that the particular document may be subject to review or appeal. Similarly, the failure of the Commission to attach a copy of this Notice to a document does not indicate the Commission's view that the document is not subject to review or appeal.